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MOTION

WE MOVE that the Administration work with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to rename East Hyde Park Commons in honor of fallen Police Officer Sonny Kim, and the Queensgate Recreation Area in honor of fallen Firefighters Daryl Gordon and Oscar Armstrong III.

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STATEMENT

This year, the City of Cincinnati has seen two of its first responders die in the line of duty. We lost Police Officer Sonny Kim on June 19, 2015, and Fire Apparatus Operator Daryl Gordon on March 26, 2015. Additionally, in recent past, we also lost Oscar Armstrong III in the line of duty on March 21, 2003.

The Cincinnati City Council desires to leave a lasting memorial to these public servants who put the lives of others before their own, often in dangerous situations, and ultimately laid down their own for their fellow man. Councilmembers have met with members of the police and fire departments and specific neighborhoods to discuss the renaming of certain parks and recreation areas in their honor.

It is proposed that East Hyde Park Commons be renamed in honor of Police Officer Sonny Kim who had been assigned to District 2 in Hyde Park for the past 25 years. The new name of the park is proposed to be "POLICE OFFICER SONNY KIM MEMORIAL PARK".

Fire Apparatus Operator Daryl Gordon was assigned to Fire District 1, Engine 14 EOD (Explosive Ordinance Disposal) and Oscar Armstrong III was assigned to Fire District 3, Engine Company 9. It is proposed that the Queensgate Recreation Area in the West End be renamed in their honor. The new name of the park is proposed to be "FIREFIGHTERS GORDON/ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL PARK".

As previously approved by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Board on July 21, 2015, and approved and supported by the respective community councils, the City Administration should work with the CRC to finalize the new names and signage for the two parks.

The police officer and firefighter unions have also expressed a desire to raise private funds to install bronze memorial plaques in honor of their fallen members. They will be working with the CRC on the final design and installation when complete.